

JUNE 6/7 – THE HOLY TRINITY

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

¹In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

^{4a} God saw that the light was good, *Genesis 1:1-2; 4a NIV*

1. What is Jesus' connection to Creation "in the beginning?". What New Testament verses that point to the pre-existence of Jesus Christ before the beginning of Creation?
2. What were the actions of the Holy Spirit in the Creation event in [Genesis 1:1-31](#), and what does the action of the God the Son and God the Holy Spirit reveal about Creation?
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4. What does it mean in [Genesis 1:27](#) that man is created in the "image and likeness" of God? Hint: what are the attributes of God? Also see [Genesis 2:4-7](#) and [5:1-3](#).

Acts 2:14a, 22-36

^{14a}"Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.

²² "Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. ²³ This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. ²⁴ But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.

²⁵ David said about him: "I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

²⁶ Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest in hope, ²⁷ because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, you will not let your holy one see decay. ²⁸ You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence. '

²⁹ "Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. ³⁰ But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹ Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. ³² God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it.

³³ Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. ³⁴ For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said, "The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand ³⁵ until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.'" ³⁶ "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah." *Acts 2:14a. 22-36*

1. What do you think the initial response to Peter's words in Vs.23 was?
2. Did the Jews acknowledge Jesus' signs and miracles? Vs.22
3. Was Jesus ever "shaken" by the hatred and unbelief of the Jews?
4. What Psalm is Peter quoting from?

Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age." *Matthew 28:16-20 NIV*

1. How do the eleven respond to Jesus when they see him on the mountain?
2. What were those who "doubted" doubting?
3. What is the importance of "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me."?
4. What does it mean to "make disciples"?